



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

COLORADO 4-H CURRICULUM

4-H Curriculum

In Colorado we use curriculum from the National 4-H Mall, other states curriculum and curriculum that is developed through the Curriculum and Projects Work Committee.

All curriculum used in the Colorado 4-H program have passed a rigid 4-H criteria.

All Curriculum used for project whether it be from the National 4-H Mall or other states, counties will order directly from the source. Colorado 4-H curriculum will be available for download at Colorado4h.org

State 4-H Projects

Purpose: To provide the opportunity for members to acquire life skills suitable for their age and experience, and giving members meaning-ful “learn by doing” experiences. For information on projects offered go to: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/>

Criteria for Establishing Statewide Projects

- Well-established need to teach youth in the subject-matter area
- Coloradans are interested in this subject matter
- Colorado Extension has a specialist with knowledge in the subject-matter area and University has information, resources and a commitment to the subject-matter area. Where on-campus resources are not available, qualified off-campus resources and leadership are readily available
- Sufficient research has been done in the subject-matter area to provide a strong base from which to work, and research-based literature is available locally.

Adding a Project to the State Project List

- A county project has developed a membership base of 200 members in a minimum of five Colorado counties.
- An emerging youth issue warrants the addition of a project available to counties statewide. Project materials will be pilot tested in a minimum of five counties with 100 young people prior to finalizing curriculum and acceptance.
- An out-of-state curriculum is introduced which addresses needs of youth or replaces an out-of-date state curriculum.

Dropping a Project From the State Project List

- Project enrollment drops below 50 members and remains below that number for three consecutive years.

Exception of the above policy will be for newly developed projects/materials where time is needed to provide adequate training and information to volunteers and Extension staff to build a membership base. Enrollment figures after the fifth year will determine continuation as a state 4-H project offering.

County Projects: A county project is used for a project that is not offered at the state level and meets the following criteria:

- Project manual or materials are current and research based with activities and experiences that engage youth to gain knowledge and develop critical thinking skills.
- Project includes e-record.
- Project has an exhibit which can either be a display or item and demonstrates skills learned
- There should be at least 4 youth wanting to take this project. If there are less than 4, the Self-Determine project code will need to be use.
- There is not a state project available.